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In response to applicant's letter received 7/7/03, the copy of the cited reference and PTO-892 are attached. It is noticed that reference Hill et al (US 5,715,318) is the equivalent of applicant's cited reference GB 2 294 854 A. Nevertheless, a new shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire three months from the mailing date of this communication.

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